

SENATE BILL 541

By Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16  
and Title 17, relative to method by which appellate  
judges are selected.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-1-103, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Effective for the judicial elections of August 2006, justices of the supreme court shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state at large, in compliance with the requirements of § 16-3-101. Judges of the court of appeals shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state at large, in compliance with the requirements of § 16-4-102. Judges of the court of criminal appeals shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state at large, in compliance with the requirements of § 16-5-102. Chancellors, circuit judges, and judges of special courts shall be elected by the qualified voters of the respective judicial districts, and special judicial districts.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 17, Chapter 4, is amended by deleting Parts 1 and 2.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.